

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN DOES 1-82, CONTROLLING A  
COMPUTER BOTNET THEREBY  
INJURING MICROSOFT AND ITS  
CUSTOMERS,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 3:13-cv-00319-GCM

**ORDER GRANTING AUTHORITY TO  
CONDUCT DISCOVERY NECESSARY  
TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE DOE  
DEFENDANTS**

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”) Motion for Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants.

Upon consideration of Microsoft’s Motion, the Court being fully apprised of the facts and law, and good cause presented during the June 10, 2013 hearing before the Court, the Court **HEREBY GRANTS** the Motion for Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants. Such authority shall include the following:

Microsoft may serve discovery upon all third-party companies, such as, but not limited to, Internet service providers, domain registrars, hosting companies, and payment providers, likely to have information that could aid in the identification of the Doe Defendants.

Microsoft shall have until 120 days from the date of this Order to conduct discovery necessary to identify and serve the Doe Defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Signed: June 13, 2013

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Graham C. Mullen", written over a horizontal line.

Graham C. Mullen  
United States District Judge

